

HOUSE BILL 1116

By Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-201 and Section 2-9-103, relative to employment of voting machine technicians, clerical assistants, and election officials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-9-103(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following new subdivisions:

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(3), after July 1, 2011, the county election commissioners may not employ members of the county election commission, or a spouse, parent, brother, sister, or children of commission members including in-laws, as voting machine technicians.

(3) Any voting machine technician who meets any of the criteria established pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) and was employed prior to July 1, 2011, by a county election commission may remain employed unless and until the county election commission chooses not to reappoint such person.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-201, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:

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(A) Employment of all office personnel;

(B) Administrators of elections may not employ, except in the event of an emergency, members of the county election commission, or a spouse, parent, brother, sister, or children of commission members, including in-laws, as clerical

assistants, absentee voting deputies, poll officials, or as members of the absentee counting board; and

(C) Administrators of elections, after July 1, 2011, may not hire their own spouses, parents, brothers, sisters, or children, including in-laws, as clerical assistants, absentee voting deputies, poll officials, or as a member of the absentee counting board;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.